

(d) whether there is any proposal to cancel exemption or withdraw the relaxation of those establishments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) In Karnataka, there are 88 establishments exempted from the EPF Scheme, 1952 and 28 establishments which have been given relaxation under para 79 of the Scheme.

(b) and (c) 98 establishments have invested funds as per the pattern of investment prescribed by the Government of India and the remaining 18 establishments have not invested as per the prescribed pattern. Out of these 18 establishments, 16 establishments have failed to invest in Central and State Govt. Securities.

(d) and (e) The establishments which have failed to make investment in accordance with the prescribed pattern have been advised to follow the prescribed pattern and in the event of their still not complying with the advice, necessary action under the law would be initiated.

[Translation]

Release of Children in Pakistan

5131. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has released 38 Indian children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the attention has been invited to a news-item captioned "Starved tortured, the boys recall dark nights in Pak Jails" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' on the 27th March, 1997;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b) In March, 1997, Pakistan agreed to release 38 Indian children who were under detention in Pakistan since 1994. These children were travelling on Indian fishing vessels which were apprehended by Pakistani authorities. Government made many representations on their behalf and expressed satisfaction when Pakistan agreed to release the children. The children reached Mumbai on 23rd March, 1997 and were thereafter sent to their homes.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government are concerned at the account of the difficult conditions faced by the children while they were kept in Pakistani jails and remand homes.

Pending Cases of MTNL in Labour Courts

5132. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the details of cases belonging to Communication Ministry or MTNL in the Labour Court of Delhi; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to dispose of these pending cases ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Details of pending cases before the Central Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court New Delhi and their present status are indicated in the Statement enclosed. The Central Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court New Delhi had informed that the parties are pressed to complete the evidence and arguments quickly so that the disputes can be disposed of as early as possible.

Statement

List of Cases		Present position of Disposal
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1. Jai Kumar	Vs. Department of Telecommunication	Workman Evidence
2. Dalip Ram	Vs. -do-	Proceedings stayed.
3. Rajinder Prasad	Vs. -do-	Proceedings stayed.
4. Smt. Sahsi Kanta	Vs. -do-	Workan Affidavit.
5. Jeet Bahadur	Vs. -do-	Miscellaneous Arguments
6. Baleshwar Kamti	Vs. -do-	Written Arguments
7. Anil Kumar	Vs. -do-	Written Arguments
8. Ramu	Vs. -do-	Arguments
9. Jasram Singh	Vs. -do-	Arguments
10. Palbit Singh	Vs. -do-	Arguments
11. Krishan Lal	Vs. -do-	Arguments
12. Girdhari Lal	Vs. -do-	Arguments
13. Munshi Prasad & Others	Vs. -do-	Documents
14. Netrapal Singh	Vs. -do-	Consideration
15. Kishan Singh	Vs. -do-	Consideration
16. Beere Singh	Vs. -do-	Consideration
17. Gen. Secretary	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved
18. Dhani Ram	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved
19. Jitender Kumar	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved
20. Than Singh	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved
21. Bholi Ram & Ors.	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved
22. Janki Prasad	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved
23. Keshav Dev & Ors.	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved
24. Yaduvir Singh	Vs. -do-	Award Reserved